



NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM

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Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Construction management teams from Wanzek and Xcel Energy are on-site and engaged in construction management. Backfill of the turbine foundations is ongoing with 57 locations completed to date. Backfill of the remaining 3 foundations will continue this week. Excavation of the footings for the O&M Building is complete. Footing forms will be set and poured this week for the O&M Building. Cut and fill of the project substation site is now complete. Class 5 aggregate will continue to be delivered and placed at the project substation this week. Project substation main power transformer pads have been poured. Forms will be pulled and backfilled this week.